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Notice to Mariners: Navy Missiles Being Launched June 1 and 2

The NASA Wallops Flight Facility will support the U.S. Navy in the firing of three missiles from Wallops Island over the Atlantic Ocean from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., June 1, 2001. June 2 is the backup day. The area in the Atlantic Ocean that poses a danger to mariners during the project is posted on the Boaters Launch Information page under the Wallops web site at www.wff.nasa.gov. Boaters are asked to remain clear of this area during operations.

Wallops will fly an orange aerostat (blimp) at 400 feet altitude over Wallops Island beginning at 30 minutes before the firings. The blimp will be lowered when the mission is completed and the danger to mariners no longer exists. In addition, boaters may tune to Marine Channel 12 to monitor the operations.

Completion of the mission will be noted on the Boaters Launch Information page on the Wallops web site, as well as the Wallops launch status line at 757-824-2050.

Thank you for your assistance and support.

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